

**Minutes of the Grinnell City Council Meeting
Monday, May 1, 2006**

The City Council of the City of Grinnell met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Grinnell Community Center, 927 4th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 1, 2006. Mayor Canfield presided.

Roll Call: PRESENT: Wilson, McNaul, White, Wright, Worley, Witt
 ABSENT: None

PERFECTING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to approve the Agenda and the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: (6) ayes, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, April 17, 2006 Regular Session.
- B. Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, April 24, 2006 Special Session.
- C. Approval of the request by Grinnell College for one day transfer of the liquor license from Grinnell House (1101 Park Street) to the Harris Center (1114 10th Avenue) for a wedding reception on July 29, 2006.
- D. Approval of the request by the Galaxy for waiver of fees for use of the Veteran's Memorial Building on Thursday, May 16, 2006 for a community forum. (All deposit fees still apply.)
- E. Approval of the route for the Special Olympic Torch Run through Grinnell on Friday, June 30, 2006 at 10:15 am.
- F. Approval of the request submitted by the 2006 Block Party Committee in regard to their annual event scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2006. The request includes: barricading High Street from 5th to 6th Avenue from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS:

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to approve payment of the claims where funds are available. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, Worley, Wright, Wilson, McNaul. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. In regard to the proposal to rezone property in the city of Grinnell, Iowa commonly referred to as 606 Marvin Avenue. (See Ordinance No. 1272.)

Mayor Canfield opened the public hearing in regard to the proposal to rezone property in the city of Grinnell, Iowa commonly referred to as 606 Marvin Avenue at 7:02 pm. Wingerter noted no comments or objections had been received prior to the meeting. Canfield requested comments and objections from the citizens present. Lucille Ahrens asked what the zoning would be changed to. Worley responded that it will be changed from Commercial to Light Industrial.

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WORLEY, to close the public hearing at 7:10 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, Worley, Wilson, Wright, Witt, White. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by WORLEY, to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 1272: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 774 BY CHANGING CERTAIN DISTRICTS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Worley, Witt, Wright, Wilson, McNaul. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/MEETING MINUTES:

- A. Finance Committee: April 17, 2006
- B. Planning Committee: April 17, 2006
- C. Public Works and Grounds Committee: April 17 and 24, 2006
- D. Public Safety Committee: April 18, 2006
- E. Veteran's Memorial Commission: April 18, 2006.
- F. Park Board: April 19, 2006 and the amended minutes from January 18 and March 15, 2006
- G. Grinnell Tourism: March 15, 2006
- H. Grinnell Human Rights Commission: April 17, 200
- I. Correspondence: Office narrative submitted by the City Clerk; Update in regard to the progress of the CDBG program; Thank you from the West Street residents in regard to the decrease in the speed limit.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Jeff Dickey-Chasins presented the results of a financial feasibility study in regard to the raising of funds for a new library. The Library Board of Trustees hired a consultant, Church Street Associates, to complete the study. The study was completed in the fall of 2005 and consisted of questions in regard to public awareness, the potential for raising private funds, and citizens' concerns and feelings in regard to a new library. The results of the study showed that almost everyone interviewed stated that the city needs a new library and approximately 75% of those interviewed said that they would be willing to raise and contribute funds for a new library. Church Street Associates suggested that future uses for the current building be separated from the issue of construction of a new library.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- A. Report from the Finance Committee
 - o Discussion in regard to the Rain Forest Development.

Grinnell is one of four towns in the running for the Rain Forest Development. White commented that the \$25 million needed from the community does not have to be paid in one lump sum.

The announcement of which city is selected for the Rain Forest Development is scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2006.

- o Discussion in regard to the July Regular Session Meeting dates.

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT to schedule the first July Regular Session Meeting for Wednesday, July 5, 2006. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, Worley, Wright, Wilson, McNaul. Motion carried.

- Report from City Manager in regard to payroll reporting.

Tabled until the next regular session.

- Update on the ethanol plant.

An offer to present to Big River Resources was approved at the April 24, 2006, special session Council meeting. The city manager presented the offer to Big River Resources on April 25, 2006.

White opened the floor for questions.

Charlie Manly, 734 16th #6, stated the appearance at the special session held on April 24, 2006, was the council was not interested in questions from the audience and only one person was allowed to speak, Ron Lang. Council members clarified that the audience was asked if they had any questions. Manly asked what the water requirement would be needed. White responded that at this point the plant would not need any water from the city. Manly asked how far apart the rain forest and ethanol plant would be. White stated approximately one mile. Wilson commented the rain forest developers had no objections about the ethanol plant possibly being located in the area. Manly asked if the Fire Department had been contacted in regard to the ethanol plant. White stated that the Fire chief is aware of the proposed plant and has not voiced any concerns. The fire chief and city manager have had conversations with other communities to see how they handle the requirements needed to provide fire service to ethanol plants in their area. Manly asked if the city had contacted any competitors for the ethanol plant. McNaul stated that it is not the city's role to contact competitors. Wilson commented that the city has been in contact with other cities with ethanol plants and none of them responded in a negative manner. Manly commented that there was a competitor based out of Reno, NV.

- Review of the special request from the Campbell Fund.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church would like to start outpatient mental health clinic at their church and is requesting a contribution from the Campbell Fund in the amount of \$7,000 for the program.

Tabled until the next regular session.

- Review of the requests for assistance from the Campbell Fund.

Approved as presented.

- Inquiry in regard to trimming trees for the city.

Michael Pesavento requested he be considered for the trimming of the trees on city property. The Committee responded that they would need a proposal in writing from him before any consideration could be made.

B. Report from the Planning Committee

- Update in regard to Parkland Conversion at Arbor Lake.

The city has requested written clarification from Alliant Enery regarding allowable uses on the 25' easement on the city property. This may impact the appraised value of the parcel.

- Discuss public parking lot on the east side of west street north of 5th Avenue.

Kum & Go is looking to build a new station, which may affect the public parking lot on the east side of West Street north of Fifth Avenue.

- Review of the fringe area agreement.

The committee commented that they thought the document was in order. The Board of Supervisor's next meeting is on Thursday, May 4, 2006.

- Update in regard to the Lang Creek Crossing project.

Lang provided an update on the Lang Creek Crossing project. They will go ahead with moving dirt to prepare for paving of the street to access four additional lots.

- Update in regard to the Central Business District Project Phase I and II.

The remaining sidewalks have been poured on Fifth Avenue and Broad Street and Jasper Construction is working on the final brick work on Phase I. Phase II planning has begun.

- Inquiry

Kevin Kolbe was asked to present his request. He is requesting the vacation of 12th Avenue between Hobart and Summer. Kolbee and Dave Ditzler would like to purchase the property. The committee is not in favor of shutting the street, but will allow Kolbe to split the lot on the corner of Summer Street and 12th Avenue and waive the frontage requirement of 90' by 10'. This request will need to be formally presented to the Zoning Board of Adjustments by Kolbe.

C. Report from the Public Works and Grounds Committee

- Schedule the public hearing in regard to the plans, specifications, estimate of cost and form of contract for the 2006 Street Repairs for Monday, May 15, 2006 at 7:00 pm receiving bids until Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 2:00 pm.

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL to schedule the to schedule the public hearing in regard the 2006 Street Repairs for Monday, May 15, 2006 at 7:00 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, McNaul, Wilson, White, Wright, Worley. Motion carried.

- Approval of Change Order No. 4 in regard to the Central Business District. (See Resolution No. 2951.)

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL to approve Resolution No. 2951: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 WITH MANATTS INC. OF BROOKLYN, IOWA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,368.00 FOR THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PROJECT." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, McNaul, White, Wilson, Worley, Wright. Motion carried.

- Approval of Pay Request No. 14 in regard to the Central Business District. (See Resolution No. 2952.)

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL to approve Resolution No, 2952: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR'S PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 14 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,967.44 TO MANATTS INC. OF BROOKLYN, IOWA FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION PHASE 1." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, McNaul, Wilson, Wright, White, Worley. Motion carried.

- Review of the request for head in parking on South Industrial Avenue.

Prairie Fire Gymnastics is requesting head in parking on the south side of Industrial Avenue. The committee voiced concerns in regard to the dangers of traffic turning off of Highway 146 onto Industrial Avenue and vehicles backing onto Industrial Avenue. The proposed plan also does not meet the green space requirements. The committee voted to deny the request as presented.

- Discussion in regard to the request from Jerilyn Beals Renaud to block off a street south of Central Park September 27 – 30, 2006 for a chainsaw sculpting event.

Withdrawn by Jerilyn Beals Renaud.

- Update on the Storm Water Utility.

Anderson stated the city will be meeting with a sample of property owners and businesses in regard to a storm water utility.

- Review of the rental equipment policy.

Anderson stated it will be completed by the next regularly scheduled committee meeting.

- Update in regard to Windsor Manor soil erosion.

Anderson stated Schoon Construction has been hired by Windsor Manor to repair the soil erosion. A seeding contractor has also been hired.

- Discussion in regard to the request by 6West, LLC for the paving of an alley.

6West, LLC has agreed to pay for 1/8 of the paving of the alley on the block north of 6th Avenue, between West Street and Main Street from 6th Avenue to 7th Avenue. No other property owners will be charged for the paving. Witt noted that this is not setting a precedent to pave alleys in the city, but is a special situation due to the businesses being located adjacent to the Central Business District, at the most prominent intersection in Grinnell, and due to the revitalization of a dilapidated parcel.

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL to approve the agreement with 6West, LLC for the paving of the alley with 6West, LLC covering 1/8 of the total cost. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, McNaul, Worley, White, Wilson, Wright. Motion carried.

- Discussion in regard to the request by Mr. Darwin Kinne for the installation of 6" sewer main.

Anderson clarified the sewer main will be an 8" main. Mr. Kinne will be responsible for paying for the installation of a portion of the main. Neff will work with Mr. Kinne in regard to a portion of his land he is wanting to sell to cover his cost of the main.

- Discussion in regard to compost and brush management.

The amnesty week began Sunday, April 30, 2006, and will run through Sunday, May 7, 2006. Witt commented the site has had high usage since opening on April 11, 2006.

- Update in regard to the airport projects.

All of the remaining work will be completed by the end of this week.

D. Report from the Public Safety Committee

(Please Note: This meeting was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2006.)

- Review of the fire service agreement and set the date for the next meeting with the Rural Fire Association.

Discussions in regard to the fire service agreement are continuing. A tentative date has been set for Thursday, May 11, 2006, for the next meeting.

- Receive ordinances and maps provided by Greg Roth – Veenstra and Kimm in regard to the Central Business District.

The discussion has mainly been on the location and number of handicap parking spots.

- Discussion in regard to the ambulance service.

Preliminary discussions have begun in regard to the contract with Midwest Ambulance which is due to expire in mid 2007.

E. Mayor's Committee Appointment Recommendations

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve the Mayor's recommendation and appoint Chad Nath to the G.E.T. 12 Committee. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Worley, Wright, Wilson, Witt. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

FINAL READING OF THE ORDINANCE:

Moved by WORLEY, second by MCNAUL, to conduct the final reading of Ordinance No. 1267: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 774 BY CHANGING CERTAIN DISTRICTS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley, McNaul, Wilson, Witt, Wright, White. Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCES:

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WILSON, to conduct the second reading of Ordinance No. 1268: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE

II, DIVISION 2 (RATES AND CHARGES.)” Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, Wilson, Wright, White, Worley, Witt. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to conduct the second reading of Ordinance No. 1269: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 2 (RATES AND CHARGES.)” Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Wilson, Worley, Wright, Witt. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF THE ORDINANCES:

Moved by WORLEY, second by MCNAUL, to conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 1270: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-68.1 (HANDICAP PARKING SPACES.)” Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Worley, McNaul, Witt, Wright, Wilson, White. Motion carried.

Moved by WILSON, second by WORLEY, to conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 1271: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA BY ADDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 13, SECTION 13-508 (PARKING RESTRICTIONS.)” Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wilson, Worley, White, Wright, Witt. Nays: McNaul. Motion carried.

INQUIRIES:

Lucille Ahrens requested that the parking spaces on Broad Street north of Fifth Avenue on the west side of the street be made wider. She requested the city take into consideration the size of vehicles and her drive. Ahrens commented that it should also be looked at all around the square.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive session was not held.

ADJOURN:

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to adjourn this regular session of the Grinnell City Council at 8:05 pm. Vote: (6) ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Gordon Canfield, Mayor

Annmarie Wingerter, Deputy City Clerk